

REMARKS

Claims 1-24, 29-58 and 60-63 are pending in the present application. Applicant has amended Claim 51. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the pending Claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Information Disclosure Statements

In the office action mailed May 13, 2009, it was indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 21, 2009 was considered by the Examiner. In addition, in the office action mailed September 17, 2008, it was indicated that the Information Disclosure Statements filed May 7, 2008, January 25, 2008, January 18, 2008, July 23, 2007, November 21, 2005, and December 22, 2004 were considered by the Examiner. However, signed copies of the Information Disclosure Statements were not included with the respective office actions, and are not available electronically in PAIR. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests initialed copies of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 21, 2009, December 22, 2004, November 21, 2005, July 23, 2007, January 18, 2008, January 25, 2008, and May 7, 2008.

Drawing Amendments filed May 18, 2006

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that the voluntary

amendment to the drawings filed May 18, 2006 are acceptable and that the amended drawings were entered into the case.

Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-24, 29-52 and 60-63 are allowed.

Commonly Owned Applications

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant and Applicant's attorney hereby make of record in the above-identified patent application the existence of the following activities in the previously cited, commonly owned, co-pending published patent applications which are related to the above-identified patent application by including common subject matter and inventors.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to review the claims and the prosecution history, including any Office Actions issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for the following previously cited applications since the specifications and possibly the claims of the following applications may include common or significantly related subject matter.

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/284,803 – Published on August 24, 2006, under Publication No. 2006/0188143 A1 (11336/1208); Non-Final Office Action

mailed April 3, 2009; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/519,223 – Published on July 13, 2006, under Publication No. 2006/0152522 A1 (11336/788); Non-Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2007, Response filed December 13, 2007; Non-Final Office Action mailed April 21, 2008, Response filed August 22, 2008; Non-Final Office Action mailed November 7, 2008, Response filed February 9, 2009; Notice of Allowance mailed April 6, 2009.

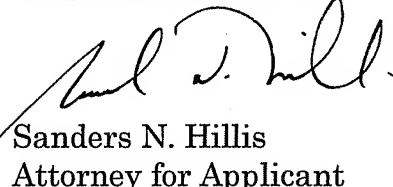
Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the Office Action mailed May 13, 2009, pending Claims 53-58 were rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended independent Claim 53 to overcome these rejections without narrowing the scope of the claim, and not in view of any cited art. Thus, Claim 53 and Claims 54-58 which are dependent therefrom are now directed to statutory subject matter and are allowable and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections of these claims.

In view of the amendments to the Claims and the above remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting

examination and/or allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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